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In re Application of	:	
Zima et al.	:	DECISION ON APPLICATION
Application No. 10/659,620	:	FOR
Filed: September 10, 2003	:	PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT
Atty Docket No. 80005	:	

This is a decision on the "APPLICATION FOR PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT-PRE-GRANT," filed February 11, 2008. Applicant requests that the initial determination of patent term adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154(b) be corrected from four hundred thirty-eight (438) days to four hundred fifty-nine (459) days.

The application for patent term adjustment is **DISMISSED**.

On November 23, 2007, the Office mailed the Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154(b) in the above-identified application. The Notice stated that the patent term adjustment (PTA) to date is 438 days. On February 11, 2008, applicant timely¹ submitted the instant application for patent term adjustment. Applicant disputes the reduction pursuant to 1.704(c)(7) of 32 days. Applicant requests removal of the 32-day reduction on the ground that the response filed May 22, 2006 was fully responsive and that the notice of non-compliance was issued in error.

Applicants' argument has been considered, but not found persuasive. Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.704(c), circumstances that constitute a failure of the applicant to engage in reasonable

¹ PALM records indicate that the Issue Fee payment was received in the Office on February 20, 2008.

efforts to conclude processing or examination of an application also include the following circumstances, which will result in the following reduction of the period of adjustment set forth in § 1.703 to the extent that the periods are not overlapping:

(7) Submission of a reply having an omission (§1.135(c)), in which case the period of adjustment set forth in § 1.703 shall be reduced by the number of days, if any, beginning on the day after the date the reply having an omission was filed and ending on the date that the reply or other paper correcting the omission was filed;

The record has been reviewed and it has been determined that the response filed May 22, 2006 was properly held to be non-responsive. The Office action of April 13, 2006 included two requirements under 35 USC 121 namely to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits and a listing of all claims readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added.

As stated by the Notice mailed June 2, 2006, applicant did not submit a complete listing of all of the claims with the May 22, 2006 reply. Petitioner contends since no changes were made to any pending claims, a complete reply was not required. Such argument is not well founded, the April 13, 2006 Office action clearly required a listing of *all claims*. As such, the election was properly considered not fully responsive. Thus, the reduction of 32 days for the delay from the filing of the initial response on May 22, 2006, to the filing of the response including a proper election on June 12, 2006, is warranted.

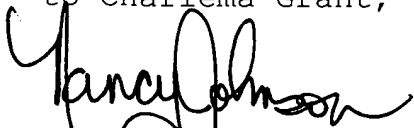
In view thereof, it is concluded that the determination of patent term adjustment at the time of the mailing of the Notice of Allowance is 438 days.

Receipt of the \$200.00 fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.18(e) is acknowledged. No additional fees are required.

The application is being forwarded to the Office of Data Management for issuance of a patent. The patent term adjustment indicated on the patent (as shown on the Issue Notification mailed about three weeks prior to patent issuance) will include any additional adjustment accrued both for Office delay in issuing the patent more than four months after payment of the issue fee and satisfaction of all outstanding requirements, and

for the Office taking in excess of three years to issue the patent (to the extent that the three-year period does not overlap with periods already accorded).

Telephone inquiries specific to this decision should be directed to Charlema Grant, Petitions Attorney, at (571) 272-3215.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nancy Johnson", written in a cursive style.

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PTA Calculations for Application: 10/659620

Application Filing Date:	09/10/2003	PTO Delay (PTO):	519
Issue Date of Patent:		Three Years:	0
Pre-Issue Petitions:	0	Applicant Delay (APPL):	81
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